

# Nixon Seen Sure Bet For Republican Nod

By ERNEST B. VACCARO  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice-President Richard Nixon, the Republican presidential nomination virtually in his grasp, stood aloof Sunday from mounting speculation over his likely running mate in the 1960 elections.

Nixon appeared aware that only a major unforeseeable obstacle could upset his chances now that his chief potential rival has withdrawn from the race for the presidency.

New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller's sudden and surprise announcement that he will not run left Nixon alone in the field, and there appeared slim likelihood that anyone else might step in.

While others speculated on a Republican vice-presidential nominee, Nixon refused to be drawn into making a choice.

He told reporters it is too early for him to discuss a running mate or, for that matter, to make an announcement on his own behalf.

With everything going his way, Nixon appeared to feel there is nothing to gain by speeding up an announcement of his own candidacy.

"My plans have always been made," he said in reply to questions, "independently of what other people might say or do."

As vice-presidential speculation ranged over such Republican prospects as Labor Secretary James Mitchell, House Republican Leader Charles A. Halleck of Indiana and Senator Kenneth B. Keating of New York, pressure was growing to persuade Rockefeller to take second place on the ticket.

Keating himself said he hoped Rockefeller would reconsider his position not to be a candidate for vice-president.

**BEAT-NIXON THEME**  
The Democrats, with a flock of potential candidates manoeuvring for the presidential nomination, found themselves united around a beat-Nixon theme.

Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, the Democratic vice-presidential nominee in 1956, said Rockefeller's withdrawal "shows old-guard Republicans are in complete control."

Interviewed on a TV panel program, Kefauver predicted the Democrats will be more united against Nixon than they would have been against Rockefeller who, he said, is more liberal.

Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic standard bearer in 1952 and 1956 and still the choice of man in his party for another try in 1960, gave voice to the theme that party campaigners are expected to hit hard next fall.

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## THANK YOU!

A tiny European refugee child says "thank you" to Reginald Casselman, Halifax Immigration official, after receiving a Christmas gift. The child is a member of one of 20 refugee families which arrived in Canada from Italy, Dec. 24 to spend their first Christmas in new homes. One member of each family is a tuberculosis patient.



## MARCH ON OTTAWA

Some 80 students from three Montreal Universities yesterday marched on Ottawa to protest plans to arm Bomarc missiles with atomic warheads. The group, seen here on Parliament Hill, posted petitions at the Parliament Buildings for Prime Minister Diefenbaker and at Government House for Governor-General Vanier. They also placed a wreath at the National War Memorial in honor of Canada's war dead.

## Unrest Wave Sweeps Iraq

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—A wave of grave unrest and opposition to the regime of Premier Abdel Karim is sweeping farmers and tribesmen of southern Iraq, according to reports received here Sunday from points along the Iranian-Iraqi frontier.

One said the opposition is verging on open revolt, with tribesmen helping to arm other civilians for an eventual uprising.

These reports were attributed to tradesmen and merchants who crossed the border from Basra, in Iraq, to buy Iranian farm produce for sale in Iraqi markets.

One merchant said there had been a demonstration against Kassem in the Iraqi village of Amarah where, he said, anti-Kassem leaflets were distributed.

There were new reports of Iraqi troop movements just west of the frontier above Khorramshahr.

All this raised a question of whether Kassem was not more concerned with his own population than with any possible move against Iran in the Shatt al Arab frontier dispute. This might explain recent Iraqi troop concentrations—assuming the reports to be true—along the frontier above Basra.

According to this theory, Kassem may be massing troops to crush any possible uprising while stationing strong contingents along the border to seal off avenues of escape.

The Iranian high command took an unexcited approach to the situation. Col. Ghomamhossin Golbadi, chief of the headquarters public relations and propaganda sector, declared in an interview Iranian troop movements were simply part of normal seasonal manoeuvres.

The honeymoon of the Shah and young Queen Farah, married last Monday, still is postponed. This morning the Shah received a personal report on the border situation from Gen. Abdullah Hedayat, chief of the imperial joint general staff.

## WAREHOUSE DESTROYED

Firemen battle fruitlessly to save a three-storey warehouse from destruction by flames in east-central Montreal. The blaze raged out of control for three hours and forced evacuation of 50 families from nearby apartment buildings. No one was injured and cause of the outbreak was not known. (CP Wirephoto)

## LOCAL BRIEFS

**SPENDING CHRISTMAS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Diamond and daughter Sharan of Toronto, are spending the Christmas season with Mrs. P. Diamond, 53 Reserve Street, and his sister, Mrs. Clarence Duncan, 224 Euston Street, Charlottetown.

**HOME FOR HOLIDAYS**  
Miss Martha Cumiskey, a student nurse at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, North Sydney, N.S., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cumiskey, City.

**VISITS MOTHER**  
Mrs. William Beckett of Montreal arrived in Charlottetown before Christmas to be with her mother, Mrs. (Rev.) J.W. MacKenzie who is ill at the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

**HOME ON VISIT**  
Omer J. Bernard, son of Hon. J.A. Bernard, accountant with the Ontario Waterworks Reserve Commission at Toronto, arrived in Charlottetown by plane Christmas Eve to visit his father and sister, Mrs. Joan Higgins, and her husband, Dr. Jamie I. Higgins in Charlottetown during the holiday season. Mr. Bernard was formerly employed in Bermuda but later returned to Canada.

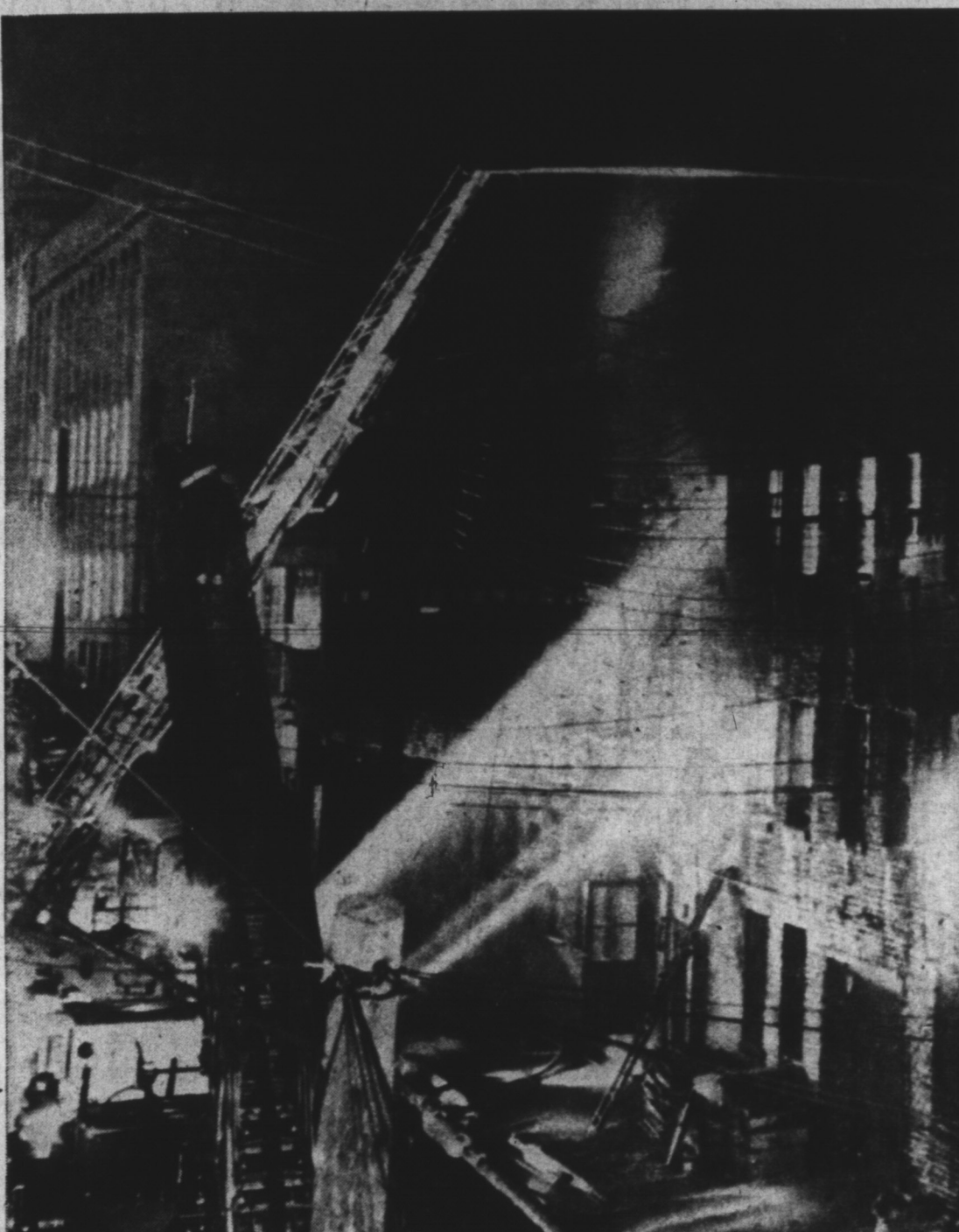
**BYRNE FUNERAL** — The funeral for Catherine Byrne took place Saturday morning from the Hennessey Funeral Home to St. Dunstan's Basilica where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Preston Hammill who also conducted the service at the grave. Rev. Dr. Bernard Gillis assisted in a choir. Pallbearers were Jack Doyle, Howard MacDonald, Joseph Gallant, John Coady, Harold Murphy, James Campbell. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

**COOLING DIP**  
As a publicity stunt, a Winnipeg motel operator planned to have a man swim in the ice-covered motel pool. The prospective swimmer did not show up however, and the motel chef-44-year-old George Ennis-volunteered. Outside temperature was 14 degrees and there was 18 inches of ice on the pool.

"I don't know what my wife will say when she hears about this," George said. "Oh well she knows I'm a bit nutty."

In Africa, Britain plans to grant independence Oct. 1 to 32,000,000 people in Nigeria.

Britain also will review the move toward independence of 7,000,000 people in the federation of the Rhodesias and Nyasaland.



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## Defensive Team Does Scoring For Winning Baltimore Colts

BALTIMORE (AP)—Their defense made all their points for them, not the offense, New York Giants coach Jim Lee Howell said after his Eastern Conference Champions were handed a 31-16 beating by the Baltimore Colts for the National Football League title.

"Both defenses were better than the offensive teams," Howell added, "and I thought ours did a terrific job in containing Johnny Unitas until that last period."

Unitas sparked the Colts to a 24-point fourth quarter after his team trailed 9-7.

Howell said the turning point, definitely was the Giants' failure to make a first down with a yard to go and the ball on the Colts 25 in the third period.

**NEVER STOPPED TRYING**  
"The team seemed to go down a bit after that, though they never once stopped trying," he said.

Howell paid glowing tribute to offensive end Bob Schnelker and defensive halfback Dick Lynch. Schnelker caught three passes for 64 yards and Lynch helped hold Colts end Ray Berry to 45 yards and three receptions. Berry led the NFL in pass receptions and yardage during the season.

Howell also said the loss of end Kyle Rote by a slight concussion in the first period hurt the Giants.

"He's the kind of a receiver who is ready-made for a defense like the Colts," Howell said. "He is good and fast and can help you grove on those short passes. When he returned later in the game we couldn't afford to inch along like that."

**BIG LOSS**  
Howell also said the loss of All-Pro defensive halfback Jim Patton left a big gap in the Giants' defense. He wondered aloud whether Patton might have stopped Baltimore's Jerry Richardson from scoring on a pass from Unitas. Patton pulled an arch muscle in his left foot late in the first half.

Fullback Mel Triplett was still weak from an attack of tonsillitis, he added, and had to be moved in and out of the game to rest up.

Howell was gracious to questioners and well-wishers, which included Vice-President Richard M. Nixon and New York Mayor Robert Wagner.

"We didn't play as good a game as we're capable of, nor did they, I feel," Howell said. "We weren't as sharp as we expected to be, but I don't know if even our sharpest performance would have beaten the Colts today."

"You just can't expect a 9-lead to stand against a team like the Colts."

**BOYCOTT U.A.R. SHIPS**  
HELENSKI, Finland (Reuters) The Finnish Seamen's Union Thursday announced a boycott of United Arab Republic ships in Finnish ports as retaliation against Finnish vessels being blacklisted for carrying Israeli cargoes.

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**Russian Attempt At Mars Or Venus Is Predicted By AP Correspondents**

What's ahead in 1960? The Associated Press asked that question of its foreign correspondents in key areas around the world. Here are their answers:

**SOVIET UNION**  
By PRESTON GROVER  
MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union probably will shoot at Mars or Venus in the coming Year, and perhaps at both since only slightly more propulsive power is called for than for the photographic Lunik that rounded the moon last fall.

But this is only the more spectacular of Soviet plans.

Most important will be a continued effort to establish Soviet prestige in the world politically, economically and militarily.

One of the greatest events of the Russian year will be President Eisenhower's visit.

The effort to isolate Germany from the Western world will continue. There is no military fear of Germany at present because Soviet citizens believe that war with Germany, if limited to that, would be over in the first hour.

At home, Russia will push the seven-year plan. Great emphasis will be laid on extension of electrification grid providing power to industry.

More economical agricultural production also will be pushed.

Tightening of industrial, banking and political ties with the socialist camp will be advanced. An oil pipeline is being built to connect the Ukraine, Poland and Czechoslovakia and an increasing effort made to harmonize the whole East European production on lines most suitable to the general program.

**BRITAIN**  
By GARVEN HUDGINS.  
LONDON (AP)—A royal baby; independence in African territories; East-West summit talks; continued prosperity—these are the things that loom largest in Britain's outlook.

The first baby to be born to a reigning sovereign since Victoria's time is expected early in the new year.

In Africa, Britain plans to grant

## Former Islander Dies In Sydney

SYDNEY (CP) — Christmas lights glittered from the home of Jack McKenna here Christmas Eve and a life-like Santa Claus display on the grounds of his residence was admired by passing children. Few knew Mr. McKenna, an alderman here for the last three years had died. He was 75.

Born in Prince Edward Island, Mr. McKenna had been in failing health for the last year. But he managed to supervise the large Christmas display on his grounds again this season.

He told Mayor Russel Urquhart that he wanted the lights of the display to remain on if he should die before Christmas Day, "so as not to disappoint the children."

He died Thursday morning in hospital.

The display, a popular attraction for the last six years, included Santa Claus and his reindeer surrounded by hundreds of Christmas bulbs.

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